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BONN--PASS TO HARTKOPF AND WEBER, MIN. INT.

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SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON
STRATOSPHERIC OZONE DEPLETION

LONDON--PASS TO T.FAIRCLOUGH, L.REED, D.LEWIS, DOE/UUEP

1. DURING CCMS PLENARY SESSION IN FALL 1975 ADMINISTRATOR
RUSSELL TRAIN OF US EPA ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD CALL AN
INTERNATIONAL MEETING SOMETIME IN 1976 TO DISCUSS OPTIONS
FOR INTERNATIONAL REGULATORY ACTION TO CONTROL THE RELEASE
OF CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS AND OTHER CHEMICAL AGENTS WHICH MAY
CAUSE DEPLETION OF OZONE IN THE STRATOSPHERE. SEVERAL
COUNTRIES WITH MAJOR INTEREST IN THIS PROBLEM WERE TO BE
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INVITED TO THIS INFORMAL INTERNATIONAL MEETING.

2. ALTHOUGH THE MEETING WAS NEVER ANNOUNCED SEVERAL
COUNTRIES WERE QUERIED AS TO INTEREST AND INFORMED OF

PLANS TO HOLD THE MEETING IN LATE SEPTEMBER 1976.

3. BECAUSE OF A DELAY IN COMPLETING THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES REPORT ON STRATOSPHERIC OZONE DEPLETION IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO POSTPONE THE SEPTEMBER MEETING UNTIL A LATER DATE, DEPENDING ON COMPLETION OF THE NAS REPORT.

4. COUNTRIES SHOULD BE REASSURED THAT THIS DELAY IN NO WAY REDUCES THE EMPHASIS THAT US PLACES ON THE STRATOSPHERIC OZONE PROBLEMS. AS SOON AS A NEW DATE IS FIXED US MISSIONS AND APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE NOTIFIED. MEANWHILE ANY QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE MEETING MAY BE ADDRESSED TO DR JACK THOMPSON, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460.

5. FOR MOSCOW: CONTACT WITH IZRAEL OF HYDROMET SHOULD BE HANDLED UNDER AEGIS OF US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT, WITH SOVIET COMMUNICATIONS CHanneled-TO EPA VIA EMBASSY SERVICE SECTION AND THEN TO EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR ENVIRONMENT AGREEMENT WILLIAM BROWN. KISSINGER UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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